

Date: September 7, 2011

To: Parents of Gause ISD Eighth Graders

Re: Content of Human Sexuality Instruction

This letter is to notify you as parents about the basic content of human sexuality instruction given to eighth grade students in their health class, your right to view the Glenco Health Book for the content of the curriculum, and your right to remove your child from any part of the human sexuality instruction.

According to the Gause ISD EHAA (Legal) policy, the board selected Glenco Health as the curriculum relating to human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) with the advice of the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). The instruction:

- Presents abstinence as the preferred choice of behavior for unmarried persons of school age;
- Devotes more attention to abstinence than to any other behavior;
- Emphasizes that abstinence is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, infection with HIV or AIDS, and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity;
- Directs adolescents to a standard of behavior in which abstinence before marriage is the most effective way to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and infection with HIV or AIDS.

It is your right as a parent to:

1. Review curriculum materials as provided by Education Code 28.004(j); and
2. Remove your student from any part of that instruction without subjecting the student to any disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction imposed by the District.

If you have any questions concerning the above mentioned information, please feel free to call me here at the school.

Sincerely,

Perry Bell